

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Final Office Action of March 17, 2009 and entry of the present amendments for the purpose of placing the present case in immediate condition for allowance or in better form for appeal is respectfully requested. In the Response filed June 17, 2009, Applicant presented former dependent claim 4 as amended claim 1.

In the Advisory Action mailed June 30, 2009, the Examiner did not enter and consider the amendments to the claims as the Examiner deemed that since claims 5-8 originally depended on claim 1 and did not themselves have dependent claims similar to former dependent claim 4, claims 5-8 raised new issues for consideration. Thus, the Examiner did not consider the patentability of claim 1 as proposed to be amended by the Response filed June 17, 2009,

In order to have the amendment to claim 1 entered and considered, Applicants have amended claim 1, as previously proposed, and canceled claims 5-8. Since claims 5-8 have been canceled, claim 1, as amended, does not raise any new issues for consideration. Therefore, the claim amendments should be entered and the remarks provided herein should be considered. It is further respectfully submitted that, for the reasons explained below, the present application is in immediate condition for allowance on the basis that the amended claim 1 (former claim 4) patentably distinguishes over the applied art.

In the Office Action issued March 17, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-8 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hoblitzelle (U.S. Patent 3,031,970) in view of Kottke (U.S. Patent 6,203,288) first paragraph, and claims 2 and 4 were rejected as being unpatentable over Hoblitzelle in view of Kottke and in further view of Russell (U.S. Patent 4,687,054).

As current claim 1 represents former claim 4, the discussion below is directed at the applied three way combination of Hoblitzelle in view of Kottke and in further view of Russell.

A review of the presented claim 1 reveals that there is included the following features:

- a) wherein there are many winding groups comprising cores and circular windings inside a stator frame with the supporting guides between the winding groups
- b) there are seal bushings on inside surfaces of the iron cores and windings;
- c) the seal bushings are connected to endcovers; and all these form the airtight cavity.

In addition claim 1 further describes that the supporting guides have smaller inside diameters than the seal bushings.

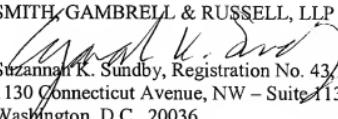
In the Office Action reliance was placed on the combination of Kottke further in view of Russel in an effort to remedy the described deficiencies of Hoblitzelle (e.g., the coplanar tube 222 and end caps 212 and 218). However, none of the references, alone or in combination, teach the current claim 1 arrangement described above featuring seal bushings that are associated with stator framing and connected to end covers, in conjunction with smaller inside diameter supporting guides (relative to the inside diameter of seal bushings that are between the end covers and covering the inside surfaces of the iron cores and windings).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in immediate condition for allowance. Moreover, it is submitted that this application now is in condition for allowance. No fees are believed to be due for consideration of this amendment. In the event that additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 034257R002.

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